

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A system for opening and closing a folding top or moveable vehicle roof of a convertible car is provided, with at least one drive to operate ~~means to open and~~ close the ~~folding top or moveable vehicle roof~~, at least one linear position sensor that senses continuously the position of an element of the ~~folding top or moveable vehicle roof at least over a subrange of its path of movement~~ and, a controller that receives a signal from the at least one position sensor and generates, ~~in consideration of at least one position sensor signal~~, a signal to actuate at least one drive, ~~means, where the~~ The linear sensor is arranged ~~in a manner~~ to determine the position of any element of the folding top or moveable vehicle roof relative to another moveable element of the ~~folding top or moveable vehicle roof~~ or to a fixed element relative to the vehicle.